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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

8 Xiling CHEN )  
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10 Plaintiff, )  
11 ) Case No. C 07-4698 PVT  
12 vs. )  
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14 Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General of the ) [PROPOSED] ORDER  
15 United States; Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the ) GRANTING PETITIONERS'  
16 Department of Homeland Security; Emilio Gonzalez ) MOTION FOR  
17 Director of United States Citizenship & Immigration ) SUMMARY JUDGMENT  
18 Services; Robert Mueller, Director of the Federal )  
19 Bureau of Investigations; Gerard Heinauer, )  
Director of the Nebraska Service Center )  
Defendants )  
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20 The motion of Petitioner Xiling Chen for summary judgment came on regularly for  
21 hearing before this Court on February 26, 2008. Petitioner filed a petition for writ of  
22 mandamus based on Respondents' delay in adjudicating her application for lawful  
23 permanent residency. The application has been pending for over three years and ten months.  
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25 Mandamus is an extraordinary remedy and is available to compel a federal official  
26 to perform a duty only if: (1) the individual's claim is clear and certain; (2) the official's  
27 duty is nondiscretionary, ministerial, and so plainly prescribed as to be free from doubt,  
28 and (3) no other adequate remedy is available. *Patel v. Reno*, 134 F.3d 929, 931 (9<sup>th</sup>

1 Cir.1997); Azurin v. Von Raab, 803 F.2d 993, 995 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.1986). The Court finds that  
2 both the Immigration and Nationality Act, and its implementing regulations, create a  
3 mandatory and non-discretionary duty that Respondents adjudicate the pending  
4 applications for permanent residency. See §8 C.F.R. § 245.2. The Court further finds that  
5 the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”) requires that such applications be adjudicated  
6 within a ‘reasonable time.’ 5 U.S.C. §555(b). The Court finds that the three years and ten  
7 months delay in adjudicating Petitioner’s application is unreasonable. See e.g. Yu v.  
8 Brown, 36 F.Supp.2d 922, 928-32 (D.N.M.1999), (applying the APA’s reasonable  
9 requirement to similar regulatory provisions); Kim v. Ashcroft, 340 F. Supp 2d 384, 391-  
10 92 S.D.N.Y.2004)(same).  
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13 After considering the motion for summary judgment, the parties’ responses,  
14 arguments of counsel and all other matters presented to the Court, IT IS HEREBY  
15 ORDERED THAT Plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment be and hereby is  
16 GRANTED. The Court orders that the Petitioner’s application for lawful permanent  
17 residency be adjudicated within ten (10) days of this order. In case of visa becomes  
18 unavailable, the Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter and orders that Petitioner’s  
19 application be adjudicated within thirty (30) days of an immigrant visa becoming  
20 available to her.  
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23 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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24 PATRICIA V. TRUMBULL  
25 United States Magistrate Judge  
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